ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021

Welcome

**Hymn**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our guide shall be.  
  
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary  
through the desert thou didst go.  
  
3. Spirit of our God descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*Introduction*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

**Lord direct our thoughts, teach us to pray**

**lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit**

**and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

We come in the name of Christ

to offer our praise and thanksgiving,

to hear and receive God’s holy word,

to pray for the needs of the world,

and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may give ourselves to the service of God.

**All: Visit us with your salvation  
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; *•*  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. ***R***

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving *•*  
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God *•*  
and a great king above all gods. ***R***

**All: Come, let us worship and bow down *•*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God; *•*  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. ***R***

***All* Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A time of confession*

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

***Or another introduction to the confession may be used…***

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,** **we have sinned against you,**

**through our own fault,** **in thought, and word, and deed,**

**and in what we have left undone.** **We are heartily sorry,**

**and repent of all our sins.** **For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,**

**forgive us all that is past;** **and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**to the glory of your name.** **Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*One or two readings will follow*

*The First Reading at the end of which the reader will say*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

 The Sermon

*The Intercessions.*

*The Collect for the day*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen**

Final Prayers

**All:** **Almighty and everlasting God,**

**we thank you that you have brought us safely**

**to the beginning of this day.**

**Keep us from falling into sin**

**or running into danger, order us in all our doings**

**and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Or alternative prayer*

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths,

and a strength to our lives. take us and use us to love and serve you

in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**All: God of power,** **may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,**

**may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,**

**may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you**

**now and always. Amen**

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,

the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,

the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

and the blessing …

Let us bless the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
   So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
   Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
   And opened the life gate that all may go in.
   * *Refrain:*  
     Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
     Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
     Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
     And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.
2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
   To every believer the promise of God;  
   The vilest offender who truly believes,  
   That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
   And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
   But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
   Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.